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(EW) AND PRIVACY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS (PCS) FOR SAUDI NAVY

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1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONCERN IN THE DEPARTMENT AND DOD ABOUT THE ROYAL SAUDI NAVY'S (RSNF) REQUEST TO AMEND FMS CASE SR-GAN-P6, WHICH WILL ALLOW FOR A CIVILIAN CONTRACTOR TO ASSIST THE RSNF DEVELOP THE NAVY'S REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMAND AND CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS, DEFENSIVE ELECTRONIC WARFARE AND SECURE COMMUNICATIONS AS WELL AS ASSIST IN THE PREPARATION OF TUTORIAL MATERIALS.

2. WE FURTHER UNDERSTAND THIS CONCERN IN WASHINGTON REVOLVES AROUND TWO ISSUES:

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(A) THAT KINGDOM-WIDE COMMAND AND CONTROL COMMUNICATION AND PRIVATE COMMUNICATION CAPABILITY IS A SENSITIVE SUBJECT WITHIN MODA AND BETWEEN MODA AND SANG.

(B) THAT THE REQUEST FOR EW EQUIPMENT AND SECURE COMMUNICATION MAY PRESENT SOME PROBLEMS WITH OUR NATIONAL DISCLOSURE ACT.

3. CHUSMTM, BGEN CATHEY, RECENTLY MET WITH CAPT SAJA (REF A) WHO SAID THAT MODA HAS SPECIFICALLY APPROVED THE NAVY'S REQUEST FOR CONTRACTOR SERVICES. CAPT SAJA'S AFFIRMATIONS WERE FORCEFULLY CONFIRMED IN 8 JAN 1978 MEETING BETWEEN VICE MODA TURKI, UNDER SECNAV AND CHUSMTM.

4. ON THE OTHER CONCERN DISCUSSED IN PARA 2(B) WE HAVE ALREADY SOLD THE SAUDI NAVY THE SLQ-32V PASSIVE ELECTRONIC WARFARE PACKAGE, ALSO CALLED ELECTRONIC SUPPORT MEASURES EQUIPMENT (ESM). WHAT THE NAVY NEEDS NOW IS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE IN EVALUATING THE EW THREAT AND IN PREPARATION OF TUTORIAL MATERIALS. THIS IS NOT AN EQUIPMENT PURCHASE REQUEST.

5. THE RSNF UNDERSTANDS THAT THE USG DOES NOT SELL PRIVACY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, WE HAVE GIVEN THE RSNF A LIST OF POTENTIAL COMMERCIAL SUPPLIERS. THE RSNF NEEDS ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING TRAINING PROGRAMS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES SO IT CAN USE ITS REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT EFFECTIVELY AS WELL AS IN DEVELOPING NAVAL REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR PRIVACY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. THE NAVAL REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS WOULD BE MADE AN INTEGRAL PART OF AN OVERALL MODA PROGRAM AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME IN THE FUTURE.
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6. THIS ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IS STRONGLY DESIRED BY THE SAUDIS. THEY HAVE NOT ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING AN ACTIVE EW CAPABILITY. ON BALANCE, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT PROVIDING THIS LIMITED ASSISTANCE TO MEET AN ABVIOUS AND APPARENT NEED OF THE RSNF IS IMPORTANT IN MAINTAINING OUR GOOD RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA.
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